

Chapter 9

1. **Star fallen from Heaven:** An apostate subordinate power.
Bottomless Pit [Abyss]: The place where Satanic evil is shut up and chained. (Luke 8:31; 2 Pet. 2:4; Rev. 20:1, 3.)
2. **Smoke of a great Furnace:** Blinding Satanic delusions.
Sun: (See chap. 8:12.)
Air: The medium through which political vitality is communicated to the masses. (See chap. 16:17.) The sphere of Satan's rule. (Eph. 2:2.)
3. **Locusts:** Warlike instruments of Satanic power in the earth, used providentially.
Scorpion Power: Infliction of pain and anguish of heart; mental agony.
5. **Five Months:** A determinate limited period.
7. **Horses prepared unto battle:** (See chap. 6.)
Crowns of Gold: Victorious power affecting divine righteousness.
Faces as the faces of Men: Masculine energy.
8. **Hair as of Women:** Subjection to others. (1 Cor. 11:15.)
Teeth as of Lions: Ferocity, cruelty. (Psa. 57:4; Prov. 30:14.)
9. **Breastplates of Iron:** Steeled consciences.
Sound of Chariots, &c: Fanatical and rapid warfare.
10. **Stings in their tails:** The venom of false principles. Poisonous doctrines. (Isa. 9:15; Psa. 140:3.)
13. **Golden Altar:** (See chap. 8:3.)
14. **Euphrates:** The barrier of the Roman earth.
15. **Hour, Day, Month, and Year:** A prescribed period.
16. **Two myriads of myriads:** (200,000,000) Countless swarms of moral locusts.
17. **Breastplates of Fire and Jacinth and Brimstone:** The defensive armour of hell.
Fire and Smoke and Brimstone: Inflicted judgments of a darkening and hellish character.
19. **Tails like Serpents, &c:** Serpent-like influence and mischief. (Rom. 1:28; 2 Thess. 2:11.)